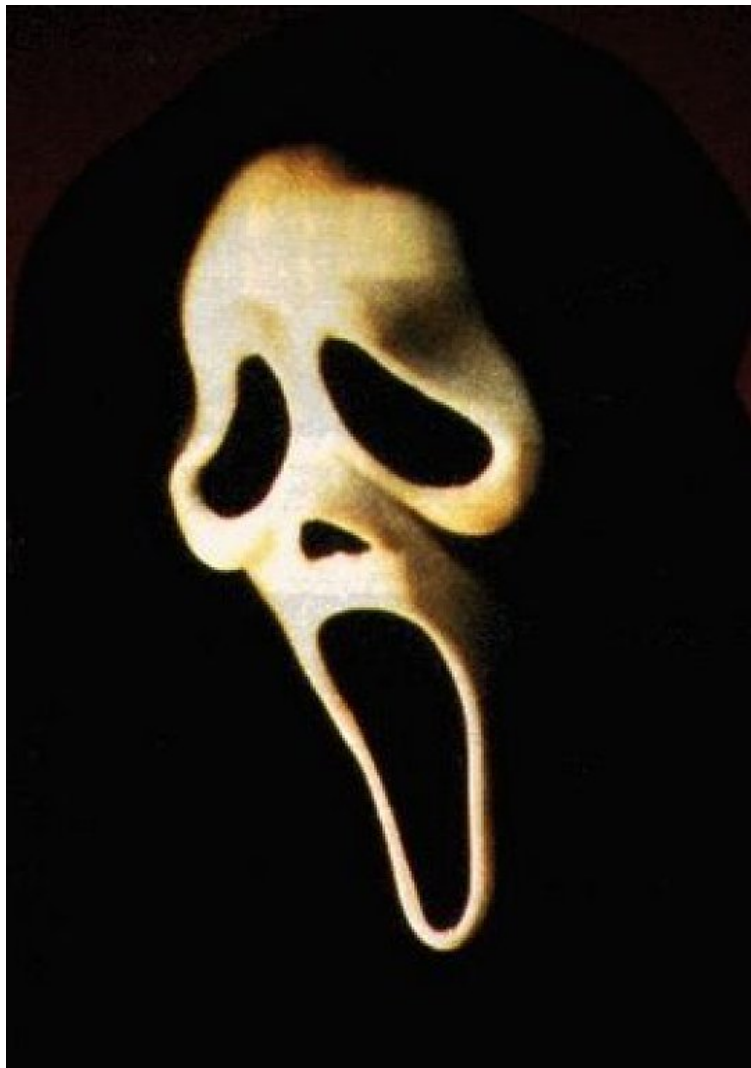


HALLOWEEN – JACK O’LANTERN

Jack ‘O LANTERN

As Halloween night nears I’m going to tell you the story of Jack ‘O Lantern. It is a very interesting one which explains an important symbol of Halloween . Many years ago , in the night of witches , a man known as Jack the miser , had the bad fortune of being face-to-face with the very same devil in a tavern . Jack as usual had drunk during the whole night . The devil wanted to take him to hell and Jack paid for the drinks . The devil agreed and turned into a coin to pay the waiter , but Jack decided to put the coin in his pocket close to his silver cross and to prevent the devil from getting out and adopting again his original form until he promised not to ask for his soul in ten years . The devil did not have any more choice and he accepted.

Ten years later , Jack and the devil were in a forest to pay his debt. The devil was ready to take Jack’s soul , but Jack thought rapidly and said : “ As a last desire... might you lower that apple of this tree, please ?” . The devil thought that he was not losing anything , and he jumped to the top of the tree , but before the devil realized, Jack marked rapidly a cross in the bark of the tree . Then the devil could not go down . Jack forced him to promise , once again , that he would never ask for hi soul again . The devil had to accept . Jack died a few years later , but it could not enter the paradise because during his life he had been a drunkard. But when he



tried to enter hell the devil recognized him and sent him away because he promised not to take his soul.“Where will I go now ?”. Jack asked , and the devil answered him : “ Return where you came from”. The way back was dark and cold , he was not able to see anything... The devil threw Jack a coal ignited from the very same hell so that the wind could not blow it out . **Irene Gil 2º ESO**

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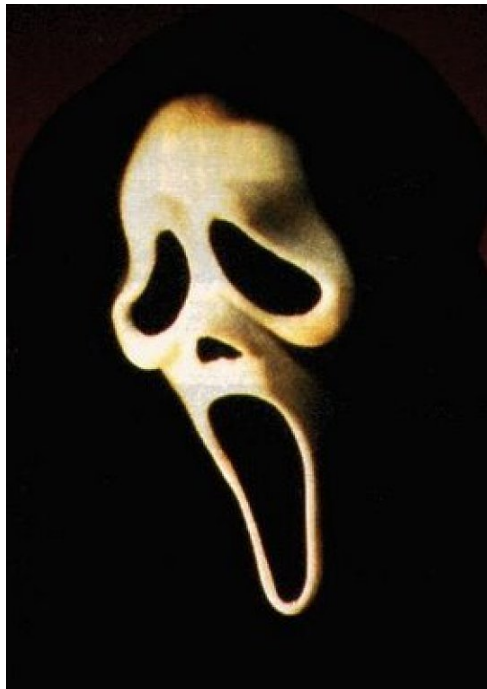
It was Halloween night fifty years ago. It was a cold and dark night. Marie and her friends lived in a small village. That night, they wanted to go to the cemetery, because they wanted to see dead people coming out of their graves. When they arrived there, they were very frightened. They were walking in the cemetery when, suddenly, they saw all the graves were empty. Marie and her friends ran back to the village. There, they saw Marie's grandfather. Marie was frightened. Marie's friends told him the cemetery story. He told them that dead people went leaving their graves to frighten the children. Suddenly, Marie's grandfather disappeared. Marie told her friends that her grandfather died two years ago. Her friends ran away and Marie was alone. The end

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Jack O'Lantern

It was the night of October 31. Jessica and Paul were by the fireplace, one next to the other, waiting for their grandmother, who every night told them a different story. When the clock struck 12, his grandmother came saying: "Today I am going to tell you Jack O'Lantern's story, more known as the legend of the pumpkin of Halloween".

"Many years ago, a boy called Jack with reputation of drunkard, was in a pub having a glass of wine. Suddenly, the devil appeared. Jack sat down to have a drink with the devil. Jack didn't want to give his soul to the devil. He tricked the devil to turn himself into a coin that Jack would use to pay for their drinks. When the devil did it, Jack took the coin and put it inside his pocket, with a silver cross. Jack make a deal



with the devil: would not go out until he promised that it would not return for his soul in ten years.

Ten years later the devil appeared in the forest to ask Jack for his soul. Jack asked for an apple. The devil went up a tree to take an apple and, rapidly, Jack carved a cross. The devil couldn't go down and Jack forced the devil to promise that it would never return to ask for his soul. The devil agreed.

When Jack died, he couldn't go to heaven, since during his life he had been a drunkard. But when he was going to enter in hell, the devil sent him back, since it had promised not take his soul. The devil gave Jack a candle so that it could see in the dark. Jack put it inside a pumpkin. This way, Jack was punished to wander around the world until the Day of Judgment.

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